

CHAPTER 582

H.B. No. 3616

AN ACT

relating to designating October as Persons with Disabilities History and Awareness Month.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 662, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 662.109 to read as follows:

Sec. 662.109. PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES HISTORY AND AWARENESS MONTH. (a) October is Persons with Disabilities History and Awareness Month to:

- (1) increase public awareness of the many achievements of people with disabilities;*
- (2) encourage public understanding of the disability rights movement; and*
- (3) reaffirm the local, state, and federal commitment to providing equality and inclusion for people with disabilities.*

*(b) Persons with Disabilities History and Awareness Month shall be regularly observed by appropriate celebration and activities to promote respect for and better treatment of people with disabilities in this state.**(c) Each public school may:*

- (1) elect to observe Persons with Disabilities History and Awareness Month; and*
- (2) determine the appropriate activities by which the school observes Persons with Disabilities History and Awareness Month.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

Passed by the House on May 3, 2011: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3616 on May 23, 2011: Yeas 143, Nays 1, 3 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 21, 2011: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 17, 2011.

Effective September 1, 2011.

CHAPTER 583

H.B. No. 3808

AN ACT

relating to fishing with certain archery equipment in certain counties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 284.001, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (d) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(a) In this section:

- (1) "Archery equipment" means a longbow, recurved bow, compound bow, or crossbow.
- (2) "Firearm" has the meaning assigned by Section 62.014.
- (3) ~~[(2)]~~ "Navigable river or stream" has the meaning assigned by Section 90.001.

(d) This section does not apply to:

- (1) an individual acting in the scope of the individual's duties as a peace officer or department employee; ~~[or]~~
- (2) the discharge of a shotgun loaded with ammunition that releases only shot when discharged; or